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SUBJECT: MFA BRIEFING OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS ON CURRENT SITUATION

1. CHIEFS DIPLOMATIC MISSION KABUL WERE CALLED TO THE FONOFF BY ACTING DEPFONMIN DR. KARIM, ASSEMBLED WITH WHAT LOOKED LIKE THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THE FONOFF. AFTER THANKING US FOR RESPONDING HE WISHED TO REPORT THAT AT 7:15 AM, SARDAR DAUD PROCLAIMED OVER RADIO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AFGHAN REPUBLIC. DR. KARIM SAID QUOTE CHANGE OF REGIME IS ENTIRELY AN INTERNAL MATTER OF AFGHANISTAN AND WAS ACCOMPLISHED ENTIRELY WITHOUT ANY BLOODSHED. PEACE AND QUIET RESIDE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. AT THIS JUNCTURE I WISH TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCIES OF THE MAIN LINES OF THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN: BEGIN TEXT

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AFGHANISTAN'S FOREIGN POLICY SHALL BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT, NON-PARTICIPATION IN ANY MILITARY PACTS AND ON THE FREE AND INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN.

OUR FOREIGN POLICY IS FOUNDED ON THE NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS OF THE COUNTRY FOR THE MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF OUR PEOPLE. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE REALIZATION OF THESE ASPIRATIONS DEPEND UPON WORLD PEACE, FOR NO COUNTRY CAN ACHIEVE ITS NATIONAL AIMS AND OBJECTIVES WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. SINCE AFGHANISTAN, MORE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY, IS AWARE THAT TO ATTAIN ITS NATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL GOALS WORLD PEACE IS AN ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE, WE, THEREFORE, MORE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY DESIRE AND SEEK INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING.

IN THIS CONTEXT, THE CORNER-STONE OF AFGHANISTAN'S FOREIGN POLICY SHALL BE OUR SINCERE DESIRE FOR PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG ALL NATIONS AND PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. IN PURSUIT OF THIS OBJECTIVE NO DISCRIMINATION SHALL BE DIRECTED AGAINST ANY PEOPLE OR COUNTRY, BIG OR SMALL, NEAR OR FAR. THIS POLICY EMANATES FROM THE INDEPENDENT AND FREE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN. WHAT DISTINGUISHES AFGHANISTAN'S TRADITIONAL FOREIGN POLICY IS ITS FRANK AND SINCERE APPROACH, WHICH STEMS FROM THE NATIONAL INDEPENDENT WILL OF AFGHANISTAN. IT IS ON THIS FIRM AND UNSHAKABLE BASIS THAT AFGHANISTAN HAS MAINTAINED FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, AND IN FURTHER PURSUIT AND CONSOLIDATION OF THIS POLICY EFFORT SHALL BE MADE, THROUGH PERSONAL AND DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS, TO BRING ABOUT AND SEEK INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING.

WITH REGARD TO OUR RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN, IT IS THE ONLY COUNTRY WITH WHICH WE HAVE A POLITICAL DISAGREEMENT - A DISAGREEMENT OVER THE QUESTION OF PASHTUNISTAN WHICH YET REMAINS UNSOLVED AND FOR THE SOLUTION OF WHICH WE SHALL SPARE NO EFFORT. END TEXT.

2. DR. KARIM ADDED QUOTE IT IS THE EARNEST HOPE OF THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN THAT YOUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS WILL RECOGNIZE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE NEW REGIME WHICH CORRESPONDS

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TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF OUR PEOPLE. END QUOTE.

3. I THEN TOOK THE FLOOR, MAKING IT CLEAR THAT I WAS SPEAKING AS THE DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND SAID THE FOLLOWING: THAT WE WERE OF COURSE GLAD TO RESPOND TO DR. KARIM'S INVITATION BUT THAT I WISHED TO STATE ON THE BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH AT LEAST SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES THAT OUR PRESENCE SHOULD IN NO WAY BE INTERPRETED AS RECOGNITION OR NON-RECOGNITION AS THIS IS AN ACT OF GOVERNMENT PERTAINING SOLELY TO OUR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND ANY ACTION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS.

4. THEN QUESTIONS WERE ASKED ON COMMUNICATIONS. THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS WILL RECEIVE TELEGRAMS CODED OR NON-CODED FROM ALL EMBASSIES THAT WISH TO USE THIS FACILITY. ON THE QUESTION OF CODED OR UNCODED DR. KARIM SAID THEY WOULD PREFER UNCODED. I POINTED OUT THAT THE RIGHT TO SEND CODED MESSAGES IS GUARANTEED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THAT THE OBSERVANCE OF ALL RULES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW WOULD BE ONE OF THE CRITERIA THAT THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS WOULD WISH TO CONSIDER. I ASKED THE QUESTION THEN ABOUT THE SECURITY OF EMBASSIES BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF POLICE AND WAS TOLD THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES. WE ASKED THEN WHAT WAS THE TITLE OF SARDAR DAUD AND WHO WERE THE MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT. HE COULD NOT ANSWER. HE SAID THAT HE IS THE HEAD OF THE REGIME. I SAID IS HE PRESIDENT OR ACTING PRESIDENT? HE SAID HE IS THE HEAD. WHO IS IN THE GOVERNMENT? WE DO NOT KNOW. HOPEFULLY BY TOMORROW WE WILL KNOW THIS. WHEN WOULD AIR COMMUNICATIONS BE OPEN? HE WOULD LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THERE WILL BE NO CURFEW AS FAR AS HE KNOWS. IF THERE IS, HE WILL LET ME KNOW.  
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